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### Brown: CEO, not supervisors, runs county day-to-day

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The upshot of board of supervisors Chair Carre Brown's "confidential" August letter to Third District Supervisor Tom Woodhouse? Please don't talk to county employees, it distracts them from their work and could result in legal action against the county. More importantly, letter emphasizes: the that county government's relationship to its employees is the province of the CEO, not the board of supervisors.

Willits Weekly obtained a copy of the August 11, 2015 letter through the county executive office.

The letter is a recap of discussions held July 23 between Brown, Woodhouse and Fourth District Supervisor Dan Gjerde. In her letter to Woodhouse, Brown refers to County Ordinance 4140, adopted in 2005 when the county switched from a county administrative officer model to a chief executive officer model of governance.

The ordinance describes the duties and responsibilities of the chief executive officer.

In her letter, Brown reminded Woodhouse





Photos by Maureen Moore

**Grand Open House** HMH shows new hospital

to excited community





At top, from left: Amy Ford, project manager for the new hospital construction, poses with U.S. Coast Guard Humboldt Division's Harrison, Olav and JJ, and Amy Buckingham, director of emergency services for Howard Hospital. Col Michael C. Howard, great-grandson of Charles S. Howard, stands next to his son and greatgreat-grandson of Charles S. Howard, Nathan Howard; T.R.A.I.L. program's Erin Holzhauer, Seabiscuit Heritage Foundation's Tracey Livingston and Jacqueline Cooper, and Willits Vice Mayor Ron Orenstein. Livingston is holding Dr. Raymond Babcock's actual doctor's bag, which was presented to Margie Handley during the ceremony. Above: Margie Handley talks to the gathered crowd. At left: Two happy HMHers, Kim Bottani and Arcelia Duran.

About 1,500 people turned out Sunday to witness the historic "Grand Open House" for the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital off East Hill

"It's unbelievable," "It couldn't get any better," "It was spectacular!," "The artwork was beautiful," and "It was really cool."

> Several people

Common Core

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test results

Test results for the 2015 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress, otherwise known as the Common Core test, are in - and schools in the Willits Unified School District didn't do all that well.

However, in the press release accompanying the release of the test results, California State Superintendent of Schools Tom Torlakson warned people not to put too much emphasis on the tests, saying the scores couldn't be compared with test scores under the former testing paradigm.

"CAASPP tests for English language arts and mathematics are too fundamentally different from the old assessments make any reliable to comparisons between the old scores and the new," Torlakson said. "That is why this year's scores are better thought of as a starting point - a baseline for the progress students are expected to make over time."

"No student, parent or teacher should be discouraged by scores, which will not be used to determine whether a student moves on to the next grade. Rather, the results can help guide discussions among parents and teachers, as well as

that, in accordance Read the rest of County

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### Branscomb pot grower gets 16 months, faces deportation

One of two men caught trespassing on private timber company land in the Branscomb area so they could cultivate almost 2,000 marijuana plants was sentenced September 4 to state prison by Superior Court Judge Ann Moorman.

Clemente Flores' attorney argued unsuccessfully for release of his 36-yearold Healdsburg client on probation, with conditions.

District Attorney David Eyster, however, told Moorman prison was appropriate because of the size and black market intent of the operation, as well as "significant environmental damage inflicted on the land."

Documents presented in court indicated the land owner spent more than \$30,000 in cleanup costs, the Mendocino County District Attorney's Office said.

At the time of his arrest, Eyster added, "Flores admitted he knew the operation was illegal, but expected a big payday when the crop was ready

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Road.

The crowds came early and stayed late, enjoying the food, info

tables and activities, applauding the humorous and the serious parts of the dedication ceremony, getting wowed by the tours of the new hospital - and keeping their neighbors in Lake County in mind, too.

There were 79 groups of people who got guided tours of the new hospital after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Comments of those exiting the tour were exemplified by Bill Barksdale's "It's a wow; it's uplifting; It's got the most beautiful taste and ambiance," and continued along the

amazing," "It's fantastic,"

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who'd had recent surgeries or other patient care in the old Howard Hospital said

they were almost jealous that they hadn't waited for the new facility.

The dedication ceremony, led by Howard Hospital CEO Rick Bockmann, had a lot of thank yous to everyone who helped make the new hospital happen, including the 400 employees and the HMH leadership team, as well as the 2,000 community members - memorialized on the outside "donor wall" – who gave donations to the hospital fund. "What a tremendous community this is, to give of yourself so that we can

lines of "It's absolutely Read the rest of Over on Page 12 HMH

At left: Col Michael C. Howard and Seabiscuit bow their heads during the blessing at the statue dedication. Below, from left: CalFire firefighters pose with Smokey the Bear during their group tour. Adventist CEO and President Scott Reiner speaks at the podium. One of many tours of the new hospital on Sunday.

At bottom, from left: Howard Hospital CEO Rick Bockmann congratulates Margie Handley after the ribbon cutting, as Jann Lamprich, Col. Michael C. Howard and Jeff Eller, president of Northern California Network of Adventist Health, applaud. Another of the 79 groups that toured the new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital.





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### City removes lien on **Laurel Street** 'evesore'

The Willits City Council opened last week's meeting commemorating by September 11th as Patriot Day. Reading from the written proclamation, Vice Mayor Ron Orenstein said: "[I] issue this proclamation to memorialize those men, women and children who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

"Further, I encourage all the citizens of Willits to remember and honor those whose lives were taken without cause on that tragic day, as well as the families and loved ones who suffered the devastation of those losses."

Following the commemoration, lengthy а discussion ensued regarding a lien placed on a property at 251 Laurel Street by the City of Willits. The property had been used by a recent owner as a dump site and has been a neighborhood eyesore.

Willits native Richard Russell, co-owner of the property, had requested full removal of the lien.

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## What do YOU think?

Opinions, thoughts and thank you letters from readers

### Fire the superintendent

To the Editor:

The Willits superintendent of schools, Patricia Johnson, should be fired immediately. I have come to this conclusion after reading news reports and talking to teachers and staff. With the recent "no confidence" vote by the teachers, it is time for Patricia Johnson to leave.

It is time for those who care about the Willits schools to get involved and get the Willits schools back on the path of building up and not tearing down.

### Soroptimist Phone Book

To the Editor:

It's that time of year again when Soroptimist International of Willits starts working on the 2016 Community Phone Book.

Advertising letters have been sent out, and the Soroptimists eagerly await the community's response. Advertising in the Soroptimist phone book directly helps women and

girls in our community by providing them with resources to better their lives. When you advertise in the community phone book, you not only gain exposure for your business, but you are also providing a key element to bettering someone's life in the community. How awesome is that?

This year. Willits Weekly is again offering a bundled advertising program that will allow advertisers to have ads in both the phone book and the newspaper. Willits Weekly is also the main source of distribution for the phone book, by inserting the phone

book into most editions of the newspaper in January. This allows easy delivery of 3,000 phone books throughout the community. Another 1,500 phonebooks will be placed at designated areas around town for easy pick-up.

is Sunday, November 15.

Advertising forms can be found at www.si-willits.org, under the "Phone Book" tab.

You can also send in any residential changes to WillitsPhoneBook@gmail.com. The phonebook also offers cell phone listings for those who do not use landlines. All residential changes must be put in writing.

> Elizabeth A. Sinofsky, Soroptimist International of Willits

### Marijuana

To the Editor:

I am writing this to state my feelings on the legalizing of marijuana. One more time I find myself in the minority, which is getting rather tiresome, actually, especially when I

are the ones we happen to agree with, at the moment. I don't see how making this drug legal will assist our local businesses in hiring people that want to work. The legalization of this drug will send more possible workers to raising this crop. Is this the type of employment we want for

our graduating students? Myself, I would rather see some good manufacturing jobs, where if you work hard you have opportunities for advancement. I don't see that in growing marijuana. Paul Futscher, Willits Besides, what happens when the market gets saturated? I think that some more studies of what other states that have legalized it are contending with should be analyzed.

> The other thing that is bothersome is the fact that the average person will have to suffer with the horrible smell if they are living near where someone is growing. What will happen to property values? If you live where the odor is prevalent and you want to move, who is going to want to buy your property?

> > Carlin M. Horger, Willits



### Jesse Pittman Memorial Bridge To the Editor:

If you wish to become an advertiser this year, the deadline On behalf of the Pittman family and myself, I would like to thank FlatIron Construction and Caltrans for their support and generosity. We are so very pleased that Flatiron Construction generously donated the signs for the Jesse Pittman Memorial Bridge. Caltrans offered invaluable support and advice throughout the process of naming the bridge for Jesse.

> The support and generosity of Caltrans and Flatiron Construction company means so much to us and to everyone who has supported the dedication of the bridge in honor of Jesse.

This bridge is not only a tribute to our local hero, Jesse Pittman, it also honors all who have given their lives for this great county. It is with immense gratitude that I thank Flatiron Construction and Caltrans for making this recognition a success.

the following were identified by the group as the most pressing: 1) recruitment and retention of qualified employees; 2) drug testing: no local resource and as

many as 50 percent of potential candidates do not pass; and 3) housing for employees living and relocating to Willits.

Other issues identified were lack of opportunities/jobs for professional spouses, the sometimes negative perception of Willits schools, the difficulty of matching hourly wages with the county's underground economy, and the difficulty of regulatory compliance.

Representatives of the Mendocino County Workforce Development Board Debbie Holmes and Mike Parkinson expressed appreciation for the forum, where they were able to hear about the issues directly from the employers. Holmes suggested there are ways to create better programs between local schools and employers in order to develop a local workforce more prepared to step into local job offerings and have a successful career with local employers.

Chamber of Commerce President Lisa Epstein shared that at least one Willits medical provider was looking into the feasibility of offering drug testing here in town in order to alleviate the burden for businesses who currently have

> drug testing. Employer liability requires some of our top 10 employers to drug test employees who will operate machinery or drive Department of Transportation regulated vehicles.

Other solutions discussed included the creation of an employer-developed list of job skills to present to our local schools, more outreach to local high school and college students about jobs available in Willits, working with local realtors to help newly relocated employees find housing,

marketing material to help employers explain the benefits of small-town life to out-of-area job candidates.

The Willits Chamber of Commerce is planning to create more such events in the near future in order to help our local businesses thrive.

Greta Kanne, for the

Fire relief donations accepted at

Savings Bank Mikela Cameron, Willits

To the Editor:



At top, from left: Lacey holds

steamroller. Chad Johnson inks

the blocks before pressing at

the Book printing table. Willits

shepherd enjoyed touring the

Roots yard, and tolerated posing

Nancy Reed works on carving a

the San Francisco Center for

Above: Roxie the German

on the antique equipment.

Below from left: The Buffalo

Springfield steam roller presses

a cut block under a thick sheet

Members of the Early Day Gas

Engine and Tractor Association

show off their antique wares.

The redwood picnic table on

display during the live auction;

Jim and Jeanie King were the

Right: The Roots yard.

linoleum block.

of carpeting.

high bidders.

up her print, fresh off the



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Antique equipment, custom printing and fundraising at annual

# Roots Steam-Up

Smoke? Barbecue? Steam?... It was hard to tell what was what, as al three wafted through the air over the Rec Grove Park and Roots of Motive Power work yard over the weekend during Roots' annual steam-up festival. The two-day event offered the opportunity for attendees to see history in action with the large assortment of steam-powered and antique locomotives, engines and equipment. Members of the Early

Maureen Moore aphics & Photographress

Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association had antique hit-and-miss motors on display, popping and chugging along the park's pathway. Several antique washing machines,

chainsaws, kitchen equipment and other gadgets of years past told tales of life before modern appliances.

Across the street, the Roots of Motive Power crew had their yard filled with tons of operational favorites, and offered rides on the Bluestone Mining Heisler #1.

But there were also some new and restored pieces of equipment including the Marshutz & Cantrell spool donkey from 1899 and the Clyde track layer both operating for the first time in many years and making their debut at the weekend's event. The spool donkey was restored by the Wednesday-night work crew at the Roots of Motive Power annex building, Baldo Locomotive Works, just off Blosser Lane.

"This year we probably had more pieces of equipment under steam than in years past," explained Roots of Motive Power's Chris Baldo. "We really had a lot going on!"

In the Rec Grove, the auction offered several items to bid on, including the popular redwood picnic table which was eventually won by Jim and Jeanie King. The barbecue gave patrons a chance to get a bite to eat while checking out the surroundings, and many patrons chose to set up a picnic blanket to enjoy their barbecued pork and tri-tip.

In the far corner of the park, the San Francisco Center for the Book set up their printing event again this year, and with the assistance of the Buffalo Springfield steam roller, Read the rest of

Over on Page 11 event attendees were Roots



and the creation by the Chamber of Commerce of better

At the conclusion of the hour-and-a-half forum, attendees were asked to provide feedback about the event. According to Lynn Kennelly, executive director of the Willits chamber, all but one employer agreed they'd like another forum to continue the discussion. Kennelly added that the overall response was very positive and that all employers present expressed satisfaction with the chamber for hosting the event.

Willits Chamber of Commerce

to send potential employees to Ukiah for

see the direction that this state and country are going.

Whenever I see Colorado coverage, it shows people smoking this drug In public and inferring that it is the best thing since sliced bread. I have been hearing that they are having problems with underage youth using it, surprise!!

It is understood that people want to use it for medical use. I had understood that prescriptions were available from pharmacies, written by medical doctors. Supposedly, the growing of marijuana is illegal, than why are people allowed to grow for their own use? If it is indeed illegal, what is the difference if you are growing 10 plants, or 100? The last time I looked, we were a nation of laws, but like with illegal immigration, it looks like the only laws we obey

### The Rules: LETTERS

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### 'Top Ten Business Forum' To the Editor:

City Hall's Council Chambers were full this past Tuesday morning, September 8, for the first-ever Willits "Top Ten Business Forum." The event, hosted by the Willits Chamber of Commerce, connected executives from Willits' 10 largest employers and local policy makers to discuss the biggest challenges faced by area employers. The second half of the morning focused on identifying possible solutions and resources available to employers in order to help them meet these challenges.

In attendance were executives and owners from seven of the 10 largest employers in Willits: the City of Willits. DripWorks, Metal FX, Microphor, Sparetime Supply, Willits Solid Waste, and Willits Unified School District. Due to scheduling conflicts, executives from Howard Memorial Hospital, Safeway and Windsor Mill were unable to attend.

Also in attendance were three city council members, City Manager Adrienne Moore (also present as an employer), several Chamber of Commerce board members, and representatives from the Mendocino County Workforce Development Board.

While there are many challenges that employers face, Savings Bank of Mendocino County Another States and Another State 7illits Covershare sport looking ICUSPAPE subscribers need gic & Modern Record of Community and Life in Willits 🖿 organizations Stall calendar SUBSCRIPTION FORM EMAIL: 6 Months - \$40 1 year - \$75 Additional donation included \$ nail: 6 Months - \$30 1 year - \$50 (Home Delivery only available in Willits, Brooktrails & local areas) leliverv: (call for details) Please make checks payable to Willits Weekly | P.O. Box 1698 in Willits, CA 95490 Locally Owned | Independent | Editions Every Thursday | Online & In Print OUESTIONS: 707-459-2633 | 707-972-7047 b: www.willitsweekly.com Facebook: www.facebook.com/willitsweekly Email: willitsweekly@gmail.com

The outpouring of care, concern and action from our local communities in response to the Valley Fire has been heartwarming. Thank you to all the volunteers and firefighters who are working continuously to aid and assist those in need.

To support the fire recovery efforts, Savings Bank of Mendocino County is accepting financial donations on behalf of North Coast Opportunities. If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation, checks made payable to North Coast Opportunities with Valley Fire on the memo line may be dropped off at any of our 10 branch locations in Lake and Mendocino counties - including the Willits Branch at 145 South Main Street – or mailed to P.O. Box 3600, Ukiah, CA 95482.

Our local bankers encourage those affected by the Valley Fire with financial questions and concerns to call or visit the nearest Savings Bank branch.

"We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our employees who are donating items and making monetary contributions to aid in the fire relief," said Katie Kight, AVP/ Marketing Officer. "Our thoughts and support go out to our friends and neighbors who have been affected by the Valley Fire."



California



### **Global activist Vandana Shiva speaks in Willits**

and

life as a machine which can be manipulated

and controlled, and sees "the soil as

an empty container." This outlook has

produced industrialized agriculture, which

scientists have reached a completely

different conclusion than the empire's view,

and now speak of "Gaia" - the Earth as a

self-organizing body which creates the

conditions for life. Seeds to Shiva are an

essential component of those conditions

- a symbol of fertility, belonging to the

commons. She stated: "To destroy seed

is a sin." She called genetic engineering

"arrogant" and a "clumsy technology." She

sponsors

citizen.

she said.

Editor & Reporter

Four hundred people gathered at Little control" over our lives. This empire views Lake Grange on Labor Day evening to hear world-renowned

Mary Zellachild activist Contributing Writer author Vandana

Shiva. The pours toxins into the earth and engineers event, which was a fundraiser for the seeds so they're no longer fertile. Charter Project of Mendocino County, was Shiva spoke with passion on these sold out several days in advance. subjects. She pointed out that many other

Shiva made her Willits stop between speaking the two previous days at the Soil, Not Oil Conference in Richmond, California, and making the keynote presentation - as well as taking part in a seed summit and seed heritage panel - at the Santa Rosa Heritage Expo the three days after.

In Willits she stayed on those themes of soil and seeds, pointing out the connections between the "empire" that once colonized her native India and the current empire

- Monsanto and other transnational Read the rest of Over on Page 11 Vandana corporations – that have taken "external





Cooper and Anthony Sorace were Girls and she's not sure vet Tuesday's State and Boys State representatives American what career path she might Legion, back this year from Willits. Both young people decide to follow. row: Roger attended Tuesday's American Legion Post Ham, Tony Anthony Sorace was 164 meeting to give a brief speech about Sorace. introduced by Roger Ham as their experience and to thank their Legion Melodie a "well-rounded" candidate Sorace, for Boys State, with good Kimberly American Legion Boys State and Faucher athletics academics. American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Vicki Han and involvement in the programs and Rober are Jennifer Poole community. His Boys State teaching Ireland, In for week was in Sacramento. front: Anthon students how nifer@willitsweeklv.com Sorace and government He was most impressed by Olivia Cooper. how close the members of works, while developing leadership skills 2015 Bovs and an appreciation for their rights as a his group got to each other: and Girls "by the end we really felt like State reps from Willits Cooper was introduced first, by Vicki brothers Below: Olivia Ham, who lauded her participation in sports Sorace said he run for Cooper, left, and music, and her schedule of all advanced city judge and lost, and he with her placement classes. "Thank you for giving me thought, "OK, no big deal, certificate of the opportunity to go to Girls State," Cooper appreciation I'll just be a citizen of the started off her speech. "Everyone told me and Vicki city," but his counselor Dale Ham. it would change my life, I wasn't sure, but I Majors pushed him to run for had a really great time.'

something else, so he ran Spending a week learning about for state Assembly, and he won. He thought government and politics with 500 other being an assemblyman at Boys State would "very academic" and "ambitious" girls was exciting. "Some of the girls were very be fun: "We're just going to talk about what religious, and some were very liberal, but you do at the Assembly, how you pass bills. But that was not what it was: We actually we all came together and compromised," had to write the bills .... "

Before attending Girls State, Cooper said, "I enjoyed Boys State a lot," Sorace said. "It was all about facts for me. I knew what I "It was one of the best experiences I've ever knew, and if I didn't, I wasn't going to speak had in my life. The group I was with, you up about it, but now I feel like if I have an had star athletes, academics, just normal pinion, I can share it; that's my opinion and people, which was surprising, you'd think I can stand behind it." you'd have one end or another, but you Cooper, whose mother Dr. Kim Faucher have everybody in between. I really loved accompanied her to the Legion meeting, it. Thank you." would like to attend one of the Claremont Sorace was accompanied by his parents, schools - Girls State is held at Claremont Tony and Melodie Sorace. His number one McKenna. "It was nice to see the campus." choice for college in UC Davis, where he she said. In addition to science and math, Cooper likes to write, and is interested in wants to study to be a civil engineer.



laughs.

rabbit: reinforcing the inventiveness at the heart of her

"It's the same way I cook," she says, smiling. "I'm flying

Robin is passionate about the educational aspect to her

work. "When it comes to kids, I just give them the supplies,"

she says, describing her now-customary Willits Farmers

Market spinning sessions. And not only children: coming

together to spin has reconnected her with the importance

of having a close-knit community of women. "There's

something empowering about sharing with women this

old knowledge of taking something from the land, taking

something from nature, and with your own hands turning

it into something useful or artistic," she said. "Just creating

each beholder ... male, female, or child. "Women will be

interested in the finished garments or the yarn, kids like the

beauty." And beauty, as she points out, is in the eye of

by the seat of my pants with this whole thing.

In an age of memoirs-turned-movies, it is not uncommon to be," and, at present, sells everything from skeins to wetto hear about being in "the right place at the right time." felted booties to chunks of raw fiber, much of it heirloom However, for Robin Chapin Pilatti – artisan behind "Fleece varieties that she receives from local shepherdesses. "I'm to Garment" - one thing is in the opposite of a rut," she

work

clear: her introduction to the world of fiber has been more than a happy coincidence. When she sat down to spin for the first time and "got the bug," she embarked upon an adventure that she compares to the flow of a river, moving with the current instead of pushing upstream.

"The fiber thing has been

stepped into this other dimension where I'm supposed to be, but had no idea I was supposed to be there.... If I had known the details, I probably would have tried to make it

Within minutes of chatting with Robin, the late summer heat beading on both of our foreheads, it became evident that her role in fiber arts stands apart from any other element of her life. "It's like all the pieces of my life have primed me for what I'm doing right now," she smiles, describing what keeps her engaged. Her introduction to fiber came from a radio show on KZYX called "Trading Time," when she felt compelled to claim the 20 fleeces being offered ... though she'd never so much as touched one herself. Not long afterward, she met a friend who taught her to spin, foreshadowing the serendipity that has come to define her work ever since.

This lighthearted approach reveals itself in her catalog as well: or rather, her lack thereof. Though she often gets requests, Robin prefers to let the fiber dictate what it "wants



raw material, and the men like the machinery. "There's a little bit of something for everyone."

And while she is comfortable in role of teacher, Robin is equally - if not more - excited to be a student. As a relative 'youngster" in the world of spinning, she has gathered Robin learned about fiber much of her knowledge from the local community. Every by working with whatever time she is given new material and a new way to treat it was essentially dropped whether by hand, drum carder, or the seven-foot-loom that on her doorstep, instilling doubles as art in her living room - Robin feels she is taking an attitude that comes in a leap of faith: working the fiber into whatever shape it handy whenever a project wants to be, much in the way that we spin the stories of our needs re-imagining midway lives: reimagining raw experience into something tangible through; for example, beautiful, and ultimately healing. with her contribution to

The transformative nature of this work was more apparent Fibershed's "Grow Your than ever when, four years ago, Robin's second husband Jeans" fashion show, which passed away, and as his family and friends gathered is set for Saturday, October around to share stories during the last 24 hours of his life. 3 in Bolinas. When she ran out of cashmere and indigo Robin sat at her wheel - spinning every memory into a Lincoln, what could have been a problem became an yarn that eventually became a masterpiece of a shawl. opportunity to experiment with white merino and Angora

> Much later, a young woman came up and touched the shawl as it stood on display and, without a word, began crying. "She just knew," Robin remembered, emotion rising through her voice. It is that kind of connection that motivates her sit down to spin, knowing that through the act of transmutation - often embracing discarded fleeces. and working on equipment made entirely of upcycled or recycled parts - we are transformed as well. And of course, the beautiful byproduct that comes off the wheel doesn't hurt. "I love showing kids that you can take what was garbage, and with your own two hands and old equipment and no electricity, you can literally clothe yourself from head to toe."

business to stay consistent and, ultimately, she hopes to

Over on Page 12 Fleece

As we head into the cooler months, Robin expects Read the rest of

MENDOCINO COUNTY FAIR & APPLE SHOW

**'Fleece to** Garment Willits artisan Robin Pilatti transforms fiber into beauty



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that they have the time and baby because it takes both! endless love and giggles kisses! Nova would love or kids to play with in his forever home. The Ukiah Animal Shelter is located at 298 Plant Road in Ukiah, and our

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See Full schedule of events online: http://mendocountyfair.com/

**THIS WEEKEND AT THE** BOONVILLE **FAIRGROUNDS** 



# Crossword Puzzle & Sudoku

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How To Sudoku: Sudoku puzzles are ormatted as a 9x9 grid, roken down into nine 3x3 oxes. To solve a Sudoku. he numbers 1 through 9 nust fill each row, column ind box. Each number can ppear only once in each ow, column and box. You can figure out the order which the numbers vill appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The nore numbers you name,

the puzzle! Level: Intermediate

### Thank You Howard Memorial Hospital

The Lamprich family would like to express their sincerest appreciation for the excellent care Jason received during his recent hospital stay. How fortunate Jason was to receive such excellent care from everyone involved: physicians, admission clerks, surgical staff, ICU staff, laboratory technicians, radiology technicians, physical therapy staff, FMP's, floor nurses and their helpers, volunteers, and last but not least, the dietary staff and housekeeping staff.

While we know this is not unusual for HMH, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". You are the best!

Jason's Family

hiking his ranch, swimming in the pond. and

Michael and his companion of 28 years

moved up to the ranch in April of 1999. After

Maryville,

Foster.

neighborhoods as a precautionary measure

and to ensure a rapid response in the event

Labor Day, Monday September 7,

was a very high-volume traffic

day, with two Willits Police

officers working each shift,

handling 42 incidents on that

day alone. We are happy to

report 0 traffic-related injuries

or accidents in town that day

and would like to thank everyone

for their patience while driving on

of any developing emergency.

Main Street

Suspect: **Orion Strong**, 42, Willits

Over the past few weeks, the Little Lake

Fire Department and the Willits Police

Department have responded to several

Charges: 451(c) PC, Arson

a BBQ with a glass of great red wine.

### OBITUARY |

**Michael Foster** Michael William Foster was born in Berkeley on September 13, 1952. He left his

many years of hard work, our rancho was coming together. We moved into our jewel body on July 16, 2015 at his home in Santa of a home in August 2005. In March of Rosa. Michael was a man of many talents. 2007 Michael started having seizures. They He ran movie theaters in Northern California continued to be a part of his life. He moved and eventually owned his own in Susanville. He learned to be a landscaper and then health reasons. started his own business in Sonoma County. He later started out as a

dishwasher, working for his sister and his brother-inlaw. He learned to cook and became a verv talented line cook, eventually owning his own business in Petaluma. When he wasn't working, he enjoyed being with friends and family, his dogs, and



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off the ranchito in the spring of 2013 due to 50. Box (abbr.) 51. Reptile leather He is survived by his COLUMN | mother, Petaluma; father, Relationship Ins and Outs Santa Rosa; two brothers, Santa Rosa; two sisters, How to cope with Santa Rosa and Sebastopol; the unbearable

incomparable

what I remember her saying.

mother for my daughter Rhiannon.

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**Doris Wier** and his son Che Vargas Columnist While usually you, the reader, and grandchildren Brienna submits to me a relationship and Brenden Vargas of question to answer in this column, today I'd like to Tennessee. address a burning question that has been on my Michael is survived by his mind for a while many others, to show her and her family my love ex-companion Jodi Vargas Many of you are probably aware of the terrible and support. I will continue to be there for them in tragedy that befell the Palmieri Norvell family in of Willits. Michael was any way I can. This is what I can do, what we all Laytonville, where Coleman Palmieri and his son preceded in death by his can do as community. Together, we already have Teo were stabbed to death and Coleman's wife, built a great web of support. Let's continue to build brothers Jeffrey and Bill Cindv. and her brother Theo were severely injured by Talen, a young man the family had taken in to live with them two years previously. They had Vaya con Dios, Miguel!

and Coleman Palmieri on September 5, Cindy

revealed to us all her resilience and whole-

heartedness when she opened the circle for us to

"When I woke up at the hospital, I didn't wanted

kindness from my friends and family who came

to visit me and from the personnel at the hospital.

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is not how the world normally works To hear Cindy express these thoughts and feelings has given me great comfort and hope for her healing. Having witnessed how many loving people surround her who care deeply for her and her family is reassuring as well. I will continue, like

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Above, left: Airport Day attendees checking out the copters Above, right: Willits Police officers. from left: Sqt. Mark McNelley, Community Services Officer Brandi Gamble and Officer Justin D'Orazio. At right, top: Dan Ramsey, left, Willits Airport manager and Airport Day promoter, and DJ Creek Norris, right, provided the sound system. At right, below: CALSTAR -California Shock Trauma Air Rescue – copter and crew. Below. from left: A group

stands in front of the REACH copter including, from left, a local CERT member, REACH's director of service Randy Lyman, and pilot John Wilson. Members of the Willits Amateur Radio Society. At the REACH booth, from left. REACH's Nat Norling, flight paramedic; Trisha Cress, **REACH** membership; and Jaime Wright, flight nurse. Jim Hinkle and Beverly Galten of the Lions Club.

Photos by Damian Sebouhian



# Airport Day

Annual event honors local 'Heroes, despite fire and smoke

Smoke-grayed skies from the tragic Lake County fire grounded some of the airport, REACH operates a 24-hour service. attractions at the 51st annual Willits Airport Dav. with CalFire crews busy helping to control Damian Sebouhian the blaze.

Reporter Nevertheless. the

event took place as scheduled this past Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm, highlighting its "Heroes Flv In" theme.

The day was organized to honor and celebrate the heroic work of local emergency service members. These included newcomers REACH Air Medical Services as well as CALSTAR, CalFire, California Highway Patrol, U.S. Coast Guard, Willits-Brooktrails Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Mendocino County Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team, Mendocino County Amateur Radio Communications Service, Brooktrails Fire Department, and others.

Lions Club members Beverly Galten and Jim Hinkle were on hand to serve burgers and hot dogs. Harrah Senior Center volunteers Allyn Nonneman and Paul Ubelhart ran a booth as part of their fundraising for a new roof for the senior center.



Founded in 1987, by Dr. John L McDonald, REACH acts as an air ambulance service, offering inter-facility, hospital to hospital transportation for patients in need. Staff were on hand to answer questions from annual the public and to sign people up as REACH members. EAA (Experimental Aviation Association) Chapter 1027 was selling tickets for rides on next week's flights of an authentic

With a newly installed building at the

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World War II B-17 known as the "Aluminum Overcast." The aircraft will be available for ground and flying tours from Friday, September 18 through Sunday, September 20 at the Ukiah Airport. Willits Amateur Radio Society participants at the event, will be holding their next open training seminar at the Mormon Church on October 24 from 10 am

to 2 pm.

For more information and to become a member of REACH, go to http://reachair. com or call 707 494-2063. For more info about the Willits Airport, call Dam Ramsey airport manager, at 707-841-6252

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helping neighbors, and he loved to read and paint. He was quite the athlete in his younger days. He so enjoyed watching his sports on the TV. He also loved

### **WPD Activity Report**

September 3 to September 9

#### Prepared by WPD Sgt. Jake Donahue

The officers of the Willits Police Department handled 194 incidents this week. The detail of that activity is broken down in the chart on page 11.

During this seven-day period, Willits reporting Police Department officers were assigned 16 criminal investigation reports, made 10 arrests, issued 9 citations, and investigated 3 traffic collisions. Included in the arrests were 2 drug possession/influence, 1 arson, 1 warrant, 1 domestic violence, 1 probation violation, 1

trespassing, and 2 license violations.

### Of note this week

During the communication outage on Thursday September 3, the Willits Police Department brought in additional patrol units in order to increase presence and efficient response time to any emergency. In light of the crippled communications,

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I believe that with her words Cindy has set the compass for her healing path and all healing loved Talen like a son. I have known this family processes in general, i.e., feeling genuinely loved for 14 years, and Cindy is one of my best friends. Everyone who knew the family and/or read about and cared for from the people around us is the first the tragedy has been emotionally affected in some step to bringing our life spirits back when we've lost them. It is important to take responsibility for our

own decisions and actions, and we need to live with I have, as do a lot of you, many questions and thoughts surrounding this incident. The question good intention. To this, I will add one more aspect that has been causing me the most distress that I have found to be crucial in my own healing is how can my friend Cindy and her daughter process: Being aware of our own inner wounds Rhiannon heal from such a traumatic event and and limitations, feeling empathy for ourselves and their huge loss? How can all the surviving family others, will help us to accept what is and enable us members heal? Although I have some experience to forgive. Yes, learning how to grieve and taking with grieving and loss of loved ones myself, what the time to grieve is important, and we all have happened to my friend and her family seems to find our own best ways to grieve. Forgiveness, however, is paramount in the healing process and While attending the memorial service for Teo is often the most challenging to achieve.

Cindy's words reminded me that we never can know what others have experienced emotionally or physically unless they are able to tell us, and speak and share memories. She spoke first and that they need our love and kindness, no matter said three things that touched me deeply. This is what. We all have our own wounds to heal from, some graver than others. Some wounds need further treatment in the form of therapy, bodywork, to live. I was surrounded by so much love and self-help groups, bereavement groups, medical treatment, medication, etc. Her words make me aware that the first and foremost remedy for healing There was an abundance of love that I have never is always love and kindness. They are also part of before experienced in my life. It was this love and kindness that brought my life spirit back, and I our basic relationship needs. Love and kindness was and still is the legacy of the Palmieri Norvell was able to make the decision to continue to be a family and the G'Acha family (Coleman's sister).

If you have any relationship questions, please send them to doriswier@embraceconflicts.com or to WW directly, P.O. Box 1698, Willits, CA 95490. I am happy to answer them anonymously on the third Thursday of the month. Doris Wier is a certified relationship and life coach who works and lives in Willits. She coaches individuals, couples, families, and professionals. In addition she offers Explore-Shops on conflict resolution and deepening your intimacy and connection in your partnership. For more information on the process, call 707-456-9246. www.embraceconflicts.com

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### Friday, September 18

Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show: September 18, 19 and 20 at the Mendocino County Fairgrounds in Boonville. CCPRA Rodeos, Classic Car Show, Sheep Dog Trials, Entertainment, Carnival and Apple Tasting. Fun for the whole family. Visit www.mendocountyfair.com for full details.

Shanachie Pub: Grateful Bluegrass Boys. \$5. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant, Info: 459-9194.

### Saturday, September 19

Coastal Cleanup Day in Willits: California Coastal Cleanup day is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 9 am to 12 pm, and volunteers in Willits will be cleaning up the creeks.

All volunteers should arrive at City Hall between 8 and 9 am for registration and to choose which area or creek you wish to work on. The clean-up will be focused on the five creeks running through town and a few areas with significant trash build-up. The City of Willits will be providing trash bags, latex gloves and trash bag pickup. Please dress appropriately with heavy gloves, boots, a hat and long pants. Bring a friend!

More info: John Sherman at 459-7122

### Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show: See Friday, September 18 listing.

10th Annual Harvest Dinner: Saturday, September 19 at 6 pm, in the great hall of the Little Lake Grange "Enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres prior to dinner, all to benefit the Grange Farm School. The evening will include a rustic farm-fresh meal primarily grown, sourced and prepared by the Farm School team. Savory farm fresh pies, both vegetable and with pasture-raised chicken, will be main courses, accompanied by many delicious side dishes to be shared with friends and community. Each table will be sponsored by a local farm, and centerpiece baskets from each farm will be auctioned off. Please consider bringing a home-baked pie for the homemade pie auction. Join us for entertainment, music, laughter and food. Celebrate the incredible achievements of the Grange Farm School in its



Willits Spartans Soccer

Willits Spartans is a non-profit soccer club affiliated with U.S. Club

Soccer. The goal of our program is to provide skill building and

fundamental soccer training

#### programming! Tickets are \$35 and are for sale at J.D. Redhouse and the Willits Farmers Market. Tickets sell out every year, so get them early!" For more information contact: Ruthie King at 841-1588

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educational

Laytonville Youth Football: Home game against North Shore. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm at Laytonville High School.

### Sunday, September 20

Mendocino County Fair & Apple Show: See Friday, September 18 listing.

> Free Health Fair: to "Raise Awareness - in Body, Mind, Soul" is a set for Sunday, September 20 at The Muse, 30 San Francisco Avenue, from 10 am to 12 noon. Featuring presentations local natural health bv practitioners from Laytonville, Willits and Ukiah: counselors, acupuncturists. naturopaths, massage therapists, consultants, herbalists, Reiki masters, energy therapists, movement therapists, family counselors, relationship counselors and more. Also, free food offerings,

and all practitioners are available for one-on-one Q&A time after the presentation. Special session discount offers will be given to all attendees; these special prices are valid through December 31, 2015. Presented by QLC (Quantum Level Consulting). Info: 707-485-2610.

Buddhist Discussion Meeting: Soka Gakkai Nichiren Buddhist discussion meeting, 1 pm at the Willits Public Library Conference Room, 390 East Commercial Street. Public Invited. Soka Gakkai Nichiren is a "UN recognized NGO, Society for the Creation of Value based on the Teachings of Nichiren Daishonin, spreading a culture of peace from one person to another throughout the world."

The Delbert Anderson Trio: jazz trio featuring Navajo horn player

Anderson,

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What's Happening Around Town

performed at concerts throughout the United States and counts as its influences many greats from the iazz world. Advance tickets are \$15; tickets will also be available at the door until sold out. The

> of modern funk and jazz combined with ancient indigenous melodies. Their first live album Manitou was released in March 2015 and includes the songs "Groove Warrior," "New York Navajo," and signature tracks like "Iron Horse Gallup." Advance tickets are \$15 and available in person at Mazahar, 38 South Main Street; online at brownpapertickets.com; or by phone 24/7 at 1-800-838-3006. Tickets will also available at the door until sold out. The WCT playhouse is located at 37 West Van Lane (behind Shanachie Pub).

### Monday, September 21

Willits Dances of Universal Peace: meets in the Cultivate Wellness Studio (room 4) at the Little Lake Grange, from 7 to 9 pm. "Circle dances and chants drawn from global cross-cultural traditions to celebrate sacred mystery. Joyful and heart-opening. Easy to learn, live music," Info: 459-9085

### Tuesday, September 22

"The Truth About Cancer": an 11-part video series presented over six Tuesdays, at 7 pm, starting September 22 and running through October 27, with a discussion the final evening. "28 doctors, 11 scientists, 9 survivors and 1 attorney break their silence and expose the truth about cancer. what causes it, conventional protocols, and the proven alternatives to prevent, treat and beat it 100 percent naturally. Don't miss any part of this important series. It may be lifesaving information for you or a loved one. Mark your calendar for all six evenings. Each information-packed episode builds

on the knowledge gained from the last, ending



the Willits Library, 390 East Commercial Street. Filling: Greatest Gluten-Free: Most Aesthetically Sponsored by NAMI Mendocino County; conducted Pleasing; Perfect Crust; Best All-Around; and by Pat and Mardi Brown, authors of a book by the People's Choice. Judges will be Cindy Savage same name. With Q&A. "The authors will share from Willits Daily Bread; Erlyne Schmidbauer,

three jazzmen serve up a unique cutting edge form their experiences and teach some of the skills they have found to be most effective, talking about focusing on what you can control (your environment and how to manage it in the face of addiction) and away from what you can't directly control (the actions and outcomes for the addict). This helps families

regardless of whether the addicted person ever

gets help, gets help and relapses, gets help and elapses many times, or gets help and stays clean and sober.'

### Friday, September 25

Shanachie Pub: Great Spirit Band, 9 pm, No cover, 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

### Saturday, September 26

Lavtonville Art Walk: the Fourth Annual Laytonville Art Walk is set for Saturday, September 26 from 10 am to 5 pm. "More than 50 fine artists and artisans will be showing their work in various media, throughout the town of Laytonville. There will be an incredible raffle including art from every participating artist. All of the proceeds will be used to support the arts for Laytonville youth! As always, there will be Live Music and Dance, a fabulous Kidz Zone with crafts for all ages, face painting by Jade, and so much more! The Laytonville Art Walk is fun for the whole family & a great time to do some early

holiday shopping." Also featuring a Big Book Sale & Membership Drive by Friends of the Long Valley Public Library. See article elsewhere on Calendar page for more info about the effort to have a library

in Laytonville. Visit the official "Laytonville Art Walk" page on Facebook for more info.

Not JUST Cowboy Poetry: This annual event at Emandal, featuring the Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown this year, takes place at Saturday, September 26. Starts at 2 pm, but come early to picnic, walk in the garden or swim in the Eel River. Musical headliner: Dave Stamey, singer songwriter extraordinaire, and Western Entertainer of the Year, many times over. This year is the last chance for pie-makers to win a coveted engraved rolling pin in the following categories: Most Creative; Delectable



information, check out www.emandal.com

Willits PraiseFest: the first of a series of familyfriendly, encouraging and uplifting music events. 2 to 6 pm at the Agape Bible Church, 290 South Lenore Avenue. Live bands and worship teams playing Christian Rock, Contemporary, Gospel and Traditional praise music. Free admission. Bands to include: Eastern Horizon from Fort Bragg; Worship Live Band from Eureka; Agape Worship team from Willits; and others to be announced. These bands

rancher/farmer

are all donating their time. A donation will be taken to help the victims of the Lake County fires. Snacks, beverages and food will be available for sale; catered by Scoops. Info: Ron Jacobs at 707 297-2270.

Shanachie Pub: House of Wrongs DJ Night. 9 pm. No cover. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Laytonville Youth Football: Home game against Calistoga. JV at 5:30 pm and varsity at 7:30 pm at Laytonville High School.

Sunday, September 27

Friends of the Long Valley Public Library

Little Lake Grange Pancake Breakfast: every 4th Sunday from 8 to 11 am at the Little Lake Grange, 291 School Street. "Join

your friends at the Grange Breakfast! With live music. \$7 buys you a plate of the best "scratch" pancakes & local farm eggs to be found anywhere around." Choose Sourdough Wholegrain or Hank's Famous Buttermilk Pancakes, Beeler's Quality

Senior Center

Lunch

Bacon, organic local farm fresh eggs made to order with real butter, Juice, organic coffee or tea, Sides of organic fruit in season and Amish maple syrup \$1 extra. \$7; \$6 seniors; \$4 children under 10, New Roof BBQ: "The Willits United Methodist

Church has a new roof! This major project was accomplished because of the hard work, dedication and generosity of many people in our community. To celebrate this accomplishment, and as a gift of thanks to all who helped, we are having a barbeque and on Sunday, September 27 from 11:30 am to 1 pm at multiple award-winning the church, 286 School Street. We further invite the community to join us in worship at 10 am to say a prayer of thanks and dedication of our new roof. All County replace are welcome.

to retiring Judge David "A Day at the Races" Kiwanis Club of Willits Nelson; and Bay Area presents, at the Willits Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel food critic Stephanie Road, 1 to 4 pm, \$10 per person, Advance sale Rosenbaum. No entry received \$10 race credit. Best Hat Contest, Wine fee. The first 25 people Pull and Raffle items. w/Willits Junior Horsemen. to bring a pie to the Providing childcare in the kids area with food, show will get into the entertainment and a bounce house, for \$10 per concert free! For more child. Call Tom: 707-841-8106 or Fawn: 707-354-

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'Local Investing: Here's How!': presentation by guest speaker John Kuhry of Economic Development & Finance Corporation (EDFC), a non-profit dedicated to promoting economic wellbeing in Mendocino and Lake counties, on a new local investing opportunity, a "Direct Public Offering" or DPO. The minimum investment in the DPO is \$1,000. The goal is to raise between \$250,000 and

\$1 million, which will then be loaned at reasonable rates to enterprises that are good for the triple

economy

com.



Saturday September 26th



Family friendly, encouraging and uplifting music! Live bands and worship teams playing Christian Rock, Contemporary, Gospel and Traditional a copy of the "Offering Memorandum" for the DPO. More info on

**ADMISSION IS FREE!** the event: Madge at Snacks, beverages and Southern comport food available for sale. mstrong@willitsonline.

Bands included: Eastern Horizon (Fort Bragg) New Kingdom Messengers (Willits The Ambassadors (Eureka) Agape Worship Team (Willits)

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# **Ongoing Events:**

Willits Summer Farmers Market: from 3 to 6 pm every Thursday at City Park on East Commercial Street, with summer produce, local meats and fish, local grains, dinner, baked goods, gift items, chocolates, crafts, live music, the new edition of Willits Weekly, and more

The Emandal Chorale: ongoing rehearsals on Wednesdays, 5 to 6:30 pm, for the Chorale's 21st season, at the Little Lake Grange great hall, 291 School Street. No auditions: Open to all who love to sing.

Willits Frontier Twirlers Square Dance Club: Monday night workshops at the Willits Center for the Arts, upstairs in the great room. Newer dancers from 7 to 8 pm; plus dancing from 8 to 9 pm. Lawrence Johnstone, caller. Guests always welcome! Info: Jenny Watts, 459-9526.

Al-Anon Meeting: Every Thursday Night from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, at the Baechtel Creek Village Community Room (behind Rite-Aid at the Evergreen Shopping Center. "Al-Anon Family groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience strength and hope to solve their common problems. We believe that alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery."

Drop-in Knitting Circle: Due to popular demand, bottom-line: the Willits Library is holding the drop-in knitting profit and circle every Saturday of the month, from 3 planet (or employment, to 4:30 pm at the Willits Branch Library, 390 and East Commercial Street. "Bring your projects Learn to share and show off! We will have expert more this afternoon, knitters on board who can solve any problems and teach everyone to knit! Bring your own projects - we'll supply the coffee! Sign-ups are not necessary - everyone is welcome to drop

> Willits Library Public Events: "Pajama Story Time" for families, Tuesdays at 7 pm. "Stories for Crawlers and Walkers," Thursdays at 11 am. Technology group for help with hand-held devices, Fridays at 1 pm. Youth Game Night, ages 10-14, Fridays from 5 to 7:30 pm. Dropin Knitting Circle, Saturdays from 3 to 4:30 pm. 390 East Commercial Street. More info: 459-5908.

Life Changes: Discussion and support group with Linda Posner, Wednesdays from 10 to 11 am. Harrah Senior Center, 1501 Baechtel Road

Volleyball Open Gym: at Baechtel Grove gym; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7 pm. Some experience desired not required. \$5 per night; first night free. Info: Jeff at 354-1850.

Willits Community Drum Circle: 7 to 10 pm at the Saint Francis in the Redwoods Episcopal Church, 66 East Commercial Street. Every 2nd and 4th Friday. Free. Everyone is welcome. Info: 459-4932.

Smoking Cessation Program: Free "Freedom



Reception for

"Viva Kuba!"

Saturday, October 3

western Cuba, at Brickhouse Coffee through

and stories at the show opening and artists

reception, Saturday, October 3, from 6:30 to

9 pm. 3 South Main Street. Wines by Barra.

Brickhouse Coffee hours: Monday through

Friday, 6 am to 4 pm, and Saturday, 7 am to

– submitted by Madge Strong, WELL

4 pm. www.facebook.com/brickhousewillits.

John Carey

Photographic Imagery

September show at Brickhouse Coffee

Phographer John Carey exhibits his photos

at Brickhouse Coffee, 3 South Main Street,

Willits. Through Wednesday, September 30.

dessert will finish it all off: Our own

"Gleaner Apple Crisp," made from

fruit picked just a few miles away -

apples harvested at their ripest by

The Grateful Gleaners, and baked in

the Grange community kitchen. What

that?

food imaginable.

Willits Farmers Market.

could be more local and unique than

The goal is to enjoy a plate full of

"Viva Kuba!," a photographic tour of

with a finale of testimonials from those who have beaten cancer. Willits Environmental Center, 630 South Main Street. Suggested donation at the door.





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younge Bluegrass, folk and Americana fans should help mark their calendars for Saturday, September promote a love of 26 for the 11th Annual Humboldt Hills Hoedown coming to the Mateel Community Center in first season Redway. Celebrating an 11th year of bluegrass, Spartans folk, country and Americana, the Hoedown program started in will also feature a slew of vendors, a lively kid August, and we are super corral, lots of jamming opportunities, delicious BBQ, backwoods betting games, a cake walk

Humboldt Hills Hoedown

Folk, Bluegrass, and

Harvest Jam

Saturday, September 26

applications to join, visit www. willitsspartans.org or find us on and a grand old time for all. Facebook! more info call 707-841-6027. Jr. Spartans Academy: This Performers include: The Brothers Comatose, program is geared towards players between the ages of 4 and 10, and Hellbound Glory, The McCoy Tyler Band, Hot is a fundraiser for our Spartans program. Spartans Academy will focus October, Caitlin Jemma & The Goodness, April on skill building, sportsmanship, learning the rules of the game, and Moore & Ranch Party, Eric Cornforth & Friends, fun. The program runs Saturdays through October, and will be run by Kindred Spirits, Back to the Hill and Lilith Song. Doors open at noon with music til midnight. For

The cost is \$35 for the first player and \$30 for each additional player more information and tickets visit www.mateel. per family. This fee covers insurance, training, and academy T-shirt. org



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Willits Kiwanis Club **10th annual Harvest Dinner 2015** Saturday, September 19

#### The 10th Annual Willits Farm to salads, locally baked breads and side **Gun Raffle** Table Harvest Dinner is almost here! dishes. Of course, a delicious fruit This locally grown organic dinner is & Spaghetti extraordinary. The very special and truly farm to table seasonal meal will be prepared Dinner

& WHS Football

by Farm School teachers and students, and features the most local This fundraiser for the purchase and freshly harvested ingredients we of Willits High School football have ever offered, all from farmers safety equipment is scheduled and gardeners who have generously donated their art to fill your plate. for Sunday, November 8, from Local wine offerings from Frey and 5 to 8 pm, but raffle tickets are Vin de Tevas will bring you the best on sale now. Guns for raffle natural and organic wines our county - "a Remington 870 mag 12 can offer

gauge, Ruger American 243 Food will be served right to your cal., Ruger 10-22, and a 50 table, family style (no buffet line). caliber Hawkins black powder Platters loaded with your favorite harvest recipes feature an entrée of - are sponsored by Pacific savory Farmhouse Chicken Pie as Outfitters. Raffle tickets are \$20 well as a hearty vegetable version. each, three for \$50, or seven The chickens for the pies were for \$100. Winners will be drawn raised at the Farm School, and locally at the Spaghetti Dinner; need prepared every step of the way. When not be present to win. Dinner was the last time you sampled some fresh "real local chicken"? Even the tickets are \$10, and dinners pie crusts and breads are made with

can be picked up to go. For locally grown heirloom wheat, ground tickets or more Info, call Matt fresh right at the Grange. Rountree at 707-841-7052 or We have filled the menu out with Dean Verdot at 707-367-2603. an heirloom tomato platter, signature

Calling all community-minded book and learning-October, with photos by June Ruckman and lovers! Meet, greet and join the Friends of the Long Jerry Albright, who spent 25 days in Western Valley Public Library! Cuba earlier year and will be sharing photos

Saturday, September 26

in Laytonville

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library in Lavtonville will hold our first Book Sale and Membership Drive on Saturday, September 26, from 10 to 5 pm, on Highway 101 in front of Coastal Mountain Business Services and Westwood Real Estate. This incredible opportunity to support our library is being held in conjunction with Laytonville's wonderful Art Walk event. The Art Walk supports our Laytonville schools.

The Friends of the Long Valley Public Library was organized in order to establish a Mendocino County-affiliated library in Laytonville for public use. We have been meeting monthly since the fall of 2014 and are excitedly awaiting a decision by Mendocino County to move a retired bookmobile to its selected location in Week of September 21 through September 25 the parking lot adjacent to the former Monday: Cod with Tartar Sauce and Wild Rice Laytonville High School, currently used for community activities.

Tuesday: Egg, Bacon & Potato Bake (Salad Bar) The Friends have partnered with Wednesday: Shrimp, Cream Pesto Salad Laytonville Healthy Start/Harwood Thursday: Roast Pork (Salad Bar) Memorial Park in order to be able to

Friday: Birthday Lunch with Roast Turkey and Stuffing function as a non-profit charity under their auspices. We have also partnered Harrah Senior Center serves lunch five days per with the Laytonville Unified School week from 11:45 am to 1 pm. 55 and older: \$5.50 per District to provide an appropriate setting meal; under 55 \$7 per meal. Includes soup, entrée, for our public library. vegetable, bread, dessert, and drink. 1501 Baechtel

The board of directors of the Friends Road. Info: 459-6826. of the Long Valley Public Library want

the best local, seasonal and delicious you to know that we have books, audio tapes, some video tapes and DVDs (I want some of that!) Did you know for sale at our first annual Book Sale that the Little Lake Grange served and Membership Drive on Saturday, Harvest Dinner in 1965? That was Harvest Dinner No. 1, now come to September 26. Become a charter member-supporter of the Friends by signing up for membership this year! We eat together with gratitude for Currently we are accepting books, CD all the abundance of this season. and DVD contributions until September The doors will open at 5:30 pm for 23. Thank you to all those awesome the local wine bar and some starters. folks who have already contributed. Music, fun and a colorful show about the Farm School will follow dinner. For more information please call Kat Seating is limited, so buy your at 984-6298 or Susan at 984-6070. We advance tickets soon. Tickets \$35, look forward to seeing you at the Book available at J.D. Redhouse and the Sale and Art Walk September 26! Many thanks! – submitted by

– Susan Bradley, for Friends of Annie Waters the Long Valley Public Library

parts, it is really a solid action flick.

My Thoughts: The first time I watched "American Ultra." I was impressed by Daniel Essman the elements. Across the board, the acting was better than good, the peculiar script kept me curious, but

The Story: Consider this flick as an undisguised

remake of "The Bourne Identity," with stoner moments

right out of Cheech and Chong. Though it is funny in

the mixture of tones threw me off. The humor seemed at odds with the violence, and also with the main character's terribly sad and completely comprehensible identity crisis ... his pathos.

Then I watched "American Ultra" a second time. I liked the movie. No problems. None of my whining about contrasting emotional tones seemed accurate. Go figure. Also, I talked to a teenage friend who thought the movie "awesome."

> Parents: Not a movie for kids, but teenagers,

> > the wisdom of the imagination.



from Smoking" class sponsored by the Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital. Every Wednesday at the HMH Conference Room, 1 Madrone Street, 6 to 7 pm, RSVP to Jennifer Barrett at 707-540-4208. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Free Sheriff's Activity League programs: at Body Works Gym, 1511 South Main Street. Teen gym: Monday to Friday from 2:30 to 5:30 pm; Boxing: Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 pm; Karate: Kids aged 5 to 10 from 6 to 7 pm, Tweens, Teens and Adults at 7 pm. All SAL programs free to the public. Info: www.facebook. com/MendocinoCountySheriffsYouth ActivitiesLeague or Mike Tobin: 354-0565.

Shanachie Pub: Open Mic every Wednesday. 8 pm. Sign-ups start at 7 pm. Movie Night every Tuesday. 50 South Main Street, behind Adam's Restaurant. Info: 459-9194.

Karaoke Night at Al's Redwood Room: Every Wednesday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Open Mic Jam at Al's Redwood Room: Every Friday night, starting at 9 pm. 207 South Main Street. Info: 459-2444.

Laytonville Summer Farmers Market: Mondays from 2:30 to 5:30 pm at Harwood Hall, 44400 Willis Avenue, Laytonville. Buy local: vegetables, juice, bakery, beef, lamb, pork, crafts, hot soup, baked goods, and more.



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Above. left: One of the more creative 2014 pie entries. Above, center: Fifth and Final

Apple Pie Throwdown. Above, right: Judges and winners from 2014, from left: Roberta Yokum, hostess Tam Adams, Tom Woodhouse, Jenny Watts, Lori Dorholt,

Senerchia and kids. Right: Some serious pie tasters.

Kathy Shuster, and Spring

Below: Engraved rolling pins. Photos courtesy of Emandal





Tamara Adams Contributina Write

> tasting the pies with homemade ice cream....) Around; and People's Choice.

Although Tom Woodhouse, Jenny Watts, Lori Dorholt and Tom Allman did an exemplary job last year, we have an entirely new panel this year. Cindy Savage from Willits Daily Bread; Erlyne Schmidbauer, rancher/farmer and multiple award-winning pie maker; Patrick Pekin, candidate for Mendocino County judge, to replace retiring Judge David Nelson; and Stephanie Rosenbaum, "smart, sassy, wellinformed journalist, book author, blogger, editor, cook, and teacher.... One of the Bay Area's liveliest food & lifestyle writers." (Check out her

web site at www.sjrosenbaum.com.) Dave Stamey, an exceptionally talented songwriter and a stellar guitar virtuoso, as well as a gifted singer, will regale us with a

concert of incredibly fine music, of the western genre (www.davestamey.com). Prior to his performance at 3 pm, there will be an open mic at 2 pm for both the spoken word and people with a musical penchant. Holly Madrigal will





# **5th and Final** Apple Pie Throwdown

To benefit Willits Library, Willits Daily Bread

In conjunction with Not JUST Cowboy Poetry, serve as emcee. She and her husband, Gabe, the Fifth and Final Apple Pie Throwdown at will both be bringing pies for the throwdown!

Emandal will take place Saturday, September Admittedly, last year we could have used 26 at 2 pm. Since judging will commence right more pies (the year before we had SO many!) at two o'clock, pie makers should have their pies This year, I know there won't be a shortage, available for review 'cause my friend, Eulalia Hitchcock, winner of

shortly before. If you bring a

pie to enter into the contest, you will get into the concert free. (Of course, we'll charge you the regular \$5 for

Pie categories this year are: Most Creative; Delectable Filling; Greatest Gluten-Free; Most Aesthetically Pleasing; Perfect Crust; Best All-

will continue indefinitely, but this will be the final Apple Pie Throwdown. It's been a wonderful crowd-pleaser, but I think we need to end with a flourish, rather than let it dribble away. Assuredly, something else will take its place.

plenty of pie!

A benefit for the Willits Library, as well as Willits Daily Bread, the Not JUST Cowboy Poetry event has room for everybody who wants to come. Tickets are \$25; \$10 for kids, whether you reserve them or not. Tickets can be purchased via e-mail: cowboypoetry@emandal. com or at the Willits Public Library.

the All-Around Apple Pie Rolling Pin, will have

Our concerts of Not JUST Cowboy Poetry

a number in reserve. Everyone is guaranteed

Willits Senior Center will have a silent auction, with oodles of fun stuff. Come as early as noon to picnic, swim (yes, there is still water in the Eel River), hike, or stroll through the organic vegetable garden. For more info, http://emandal.com/events/cowboyvisit poetry. For directions to Emandal, 16 miles northeast of Willits, visit: http://emandal.com/ contact/#directions.

Kudos and many thanks to our sponsors, so far: Sanhedrin Nursery, Yokum's Body Shop, John Ford Ranch, Alfred Kerr, DDS, Sparetime Supply, North Coast Plumbing and Heating, Savings Bank of Mendocino County, and Shuster's Transportation.

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King size bed, sheets, pillows, headboard, \$100. Two nightstands with lamps, \$15 each. 9-drawer dresser with mirror, \$50. Two front- room armoire cabinets, with doors, lamps included, \$25 each. See at Golden Rule Mobile Village, 16100 North Highway 101, space 50. Jay: 707-459-8570.	<b>Volunteers Wanted</b> Frank Howard Memorial Hospital is looking for positive members of the community to volunteer in various departments of the hospital. Hours: flexible and can include weekends. More info? Call 456-3245.
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arresting Shively and placing him into handcuffs, Shively began to fight the officers. Ultimately,

Shively was secured in a patrol vehicle, at which point he attempted to kick out the rear window and, as a result, bent the patrol vehicle's window frame. Shively was booked into the Mendocino County Jail.

Traffic/Parking Enforcement: 52 Officer-Initiated Criminal Enforcement: 37 Call Response / Request for Assistance: 104 Other: 1

County to become a charter Need someone that speaks

### Beverly Draudt, FNP-BC | Family Nurse Practitioner

Beverly Draudt, FNP, a board-certified family nurse practitioner is joining John Glyer, MD, a family medicine physician at the Redwood Medical Clinic. As a family nurse practitioner, Ms. Draudt specializes in caring for patients of all ages, including, men, women and children. She has extensive experience in women's health, including annual wellness exams, treatment of common concerns associated with childbearing years and menopause, and health education.

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Menu consists of: Soup, Turkey & Stuffing/Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Veggie, Roll and Birthday Cake. There are prizes and if you are a member and your birthday is in September your lunch is **FREE!** Soup is served at 11:45, Lunch from noon to 1. \$5.50 (Seniors 55+) • \$7.00 (Non-Seniors) Call for more information 459-6826 • 1501 Baechtel Road



county is the type of action that's needed. She added for everyone that since the whole world is interconnected, it doesn't matter where you start to make the change. The important thing is to start.

The audience was energized and inspired by her presentation and, after it was over, great numbers of people lined up to sign petitions to put the charter on the June 2016 ballot. The Charter Project of Mendocino County is just

beginning its campaign to collect signatures. If you would like more information or want to volunteer to help, contact Mary Zellachild, 459-3963; maryzel@ willitsonline.com MendocinoCountyCharter. org. An audio broadcast of Vandana Shiva's Willits talk may be accessed by computer at http://www. kmecradio.org/a/21243 the recording starts with music and introductions, and Shiva's speech starts about 23 minutes in. BIF

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Above, from left: Frank Robert Howard Richter and his wife, Wanda, pose with Richter's 1928 birth certificate. Margie Handley and Col. Mike C. Howard smile from their

### The rest of Fleece

seats.

From Page 5 make fiber her full-time job. More than anything, Robin is excited to continue riding the wave: in contrast to her more "methodical" past, including many years as a nurse at Howard Hospital, she explains that fiber "is like playing music and improvising ... not reading the sheet music. When just let go, it just happens, and it works."

If that means weaving a shawl from discarded chunks of fleece, excellent. If it means handing out raw fiber to children, watching as they balance it in their palms, electrified with potential - even better. "There's a newness to it all the time," Robin smiles, instinctively spinning her hair through her fingers as she speaks. "If we all did exactly the same thing, it'd be really boring."

Meet Robin Chapin Pilatti at Fibershed's "Grow Your Jeans" event in Bolinas on Saturday, October 3. Robin will be demonstrating spinning and selling her goods at this community celebration and benefit for Fibershed's programs that support regenerative agriculture and land-based regional economics. Visit



The rest of HMH From Page 1

### have this tremendous hospital here."

"First of all," Bockmann said, "I would like thank Adventist Health and Howard Foundation for coming together in 2010 with an agreement that allowed this hospital to be built here. What an amazing thing to bring those organizations together to create the vision of this amazing health and healing campus."

Bockmann gave a special shout-out to two special ladies: Howard Amy Ford.

"Frank R. Howard Hospital has been a part of my family's fabric for 73 years," Margie Handley told the crowd, "from when my mother and her car served as an ambulance to transport injured people to the hospital from Branscomb, where we lived." Handley went on to talk about the history of the original hospital and the 15-year process of raising funds and planning to build the new hospital. She thanked Adventist Health "from the bottom of my heart" for making the decision to invest \$64 million for a new hospital in Willits which, she said, "will put Willits on the map as a destination for the door you're going to feel it." health care."





Above, left: HMH volunteers Rene and Marla greet visitors on tour. Right: Balloon animals made by Silly Willy and Silly Lilly were a delight for kids of all ages during the event. Below: Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann poses with wife, Claudia, and one of the HMH bears, dressed in the hospital's signature blue shirt. Photos by Maureen Moore

> "This isn't stopping here," she said, referring to the medical office buildings currently in progress, and the future plans for the rest of the medical campus, including a wellness center and swimming pool, which will join the Commonwealth Garden and Haehl Creek Trail as amenities. "My personal goal is to have the campus completed within four years," she said, "because I'll be 80, and I'm quitting!"

Bockmann presented Ford – "who came back to this community to help Hospital Foundation's Margie Handley and construction project manager us build this hospital," he said - with a solid gold HMH logo pendant, "Because you're solid gold," he said.

> The hospital was blessed by HMH Chaplain Dennis Long, who told the crowd he'd led a tour earlier that week of 30 clergy from all around Mendocino County who blessed each room: "It took us 2.5 hours," he said. Sherwood Valley Tribe elder Sterling Wright, dressed in Pomo ceremonial attire, turned to face each direction, while drumming and calling out in his native language: "I just called the spirits from the sky to bless this hospital," Sterling told the crowd, when he was finished. "And every time you walk in

> > One guest unexpected by the crowd got a warm welcome: Frank Robert Howard Richter, 87. who was the first baby born in the original Howard Memorial Hospital in 1928. "It's an honor to be here," Richter told Willits Weekly. "I wouldn't have missed it for anything." He explained that his parents gave him his name because Charles Howard had said that if the first baby boy born in the hospital took the name of his son, Frank R. Howard, all maternity care would be free. Richter's doctor was Dr. Raymond Babcock, whose statue will soon be erected at the new hospital, along vith another status of "Frankie and the Puppies the subject of a painting most visitors to HMH are familiar with, to join the just-installed statue of Seabiscuit at the new hospital site.





Above, left: As the ribbon is cut by Howard Hospital CEO Rick Bockmann, the crowd gives its loudest cheers and applause of the day. Above: Suzanne Picetti, curator of the new hospital's art collection, and Ananda Johnson of the Howard Hospital Foundation show off produce from the Commonwealth Garden

Photos by Maureen Moore See many more photos online: http://photographress.zenfolio.com/hmhopenhouse



At right: Col. Michael C. Howard, great-grandson of hospital founder Charles S. Howard, stands next to the new Seabiscuit monument, created by artist Stan Watts of Atlas Bronze Casting.

Below, left: Group 45 of 79 who toured the hospital during the Grand Open House on Sunday. Below, right: Edie Ceccarelli, 107, stood for applause after being introduced by Willits City Mayor Bruce Burton during the ceremony.

At bottom, left: The U.S. Coast Guard helicopter landed just after 1 pm, kicking off the Grand Open House. Bottom, right: Sterling Wright of the Sherwood Valley Tribe performed a blessing before the tours started. Photos by Maureen Moore







http://growyourjeans.org/ for more info.

For more information about Robin's business "Fleece to Garment," visit www.fleecetogarment.com.

Editor's Note: A longer version of this article was originally posted on the Fibershed website: www. fibershed.com/tag/robinchapin-pilatti.

"My hat is off to you," Col. Michael Howard, Charles Howard's great-grandson told the crowd, after telling stories about the founding of the hospital. "It's been 100 years, and we know, with Amy's construction abilities, we'll get 100 more."

The new Frank R. Howard Memorial Hospital along with the Hospital Auxiliary gift shop and the Roots organic farm-to-fork restaurant – hopes to open in mid-October.

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Below: Jan Smith, Little Lake Fire Chief Carl Magann, Margie Handley and HMH Chaplain Dennis Long, pose with the plaque noting the helipad's dedication to the late Little Lake Fire Chief Jeff Smith.







At top, from left: Vice president of the Senior Center board of directors, Gary Mann, bought dinner for five. This Senior Center supporter came down from Covelo for dinner. Customer Fran Appling Gardner and volunteer Joe Vaccaro. Senior Center board member Cathy Neff.

Above: BBQ dinner volunteers: In back, from left: Verd, Joe Vaccaro, Allyn Nonneman, Kacy Thomas, Glen Helton, Dorothy Roediger and Jeff Judson. In front: Virginia George, Beverly Vaccaro, Sue Sawyers, Bev Galton and Ryann Roediger.

At right: A car-load of young people buys BBQ dinner to support the Senior Center. Far right: Alex Carlon and his

dinner for two. Photos by Jennifer Poole





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The Harrah Senior Center had a guick drivethrough dinner benefit Friday night, giving out almost 60 dinners between

> 5:30 and 6:30 pm. Tickets were pre-sale only, and ticket buyers got to enjoy a BBQd half-chicken and sides without cooking on that hot evening.

The Lions Club volunteers manned the BBQ that night. Lion Verd VanBezooyen said the service club was "totally supportive" of the Senior Center's effort to raise funds for a new roof. "I got with Allyn and said we've really got to start working on the roof fund with some fundraisers," he said. "These are the things we need to do to support the community."

The Senior Center is trying to raise \$100,000 to replace their leaky almost 20,000-square-foot roof.

all schools in the state about 59 Sides with the dinner rtment **Quality Work Without** percent of the time. included tasty cole slaw ar The Corporate Price and delicious calico beans When the two charter No Hormones, Pastured in Willits, California were completed And, Brown warned, "if has gone out of her way to This report was based on a September 4, 2015 made with "Edna's recipe, schools and Sherwood School New restaurant in existing a staff member were to help me and to make me feel post on the Mendocino County District Attorney's RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL 🧈 volunteer Dorothy Roediger are removed from test results store, 65 South Main Street, report feeling singled out, welcome." Facebook page. said. Roediger's niece (Sherwood School's results are \$20,000. Ryann Roediger, visiting not separated by grade level, so WE'RE NOW STOCKING Trellis patio cover on from Virginia where she are difficult to compare to state **Results of 2015 school testing** Haehl Creek Drive, \$10,000. works as a cook in the results), the three big schools Navy, was there to help out, Replace grill and hood in scored worse than the state How to read this table: Local scores are in numbers without parentheses; state average scores are in parentheses. ROOFING. Inc too. existing restaurant at 235 average score for the grade in Each school is given scores in four categories: standards are not met, standards are nearly met, standards are met, South Main Street, \$28,500. question 78.5 percent of the "Thanks to everybody and standards are exceeded. See accompanying article on page 1 for definitions of each of these four categories. time. for supporting the center,' Replace residential BUNGEES & TIEDOWNS **Blosser Lane** Sherwood School Seventh Grade Dorothy Roediger said. "We These calculations are foundation on North Street, **Elementary School** 76 (31) 44 (37) LEAK REPAIRS • VENTED RIDGE • RIGID INSULATION are here for the community." Data for Sherwood School is given not met \$25,000. approximate, because the for the school as a whole, not broken 12 (25) English/Literacy 40 (29) Math nearly met results for the "nearly meets the – Jennifer Poole Tube & Skylight Installation • Roof Tune-Ups The following projects down by grade level. There is no Third Grade 12 (32) 16 (19) standard" line are contextual. were completed: comparable state data for similar Metal • Composition Shingle • Single Ply • Tile 0 (12) exceeded 0 (15) 60 (36) 62 (33) To explain: let's suppose not met siding Replace as small schools. Grade X from local school A Eighth Grade 21 (26) 21 (27) nearly met necessary, South Main **COMPLETE & PARTIAL RE-ROOFS** English/Literacy Math received a score of 40/25/20/15 67 (41) 13 (20) not met 48 (26) 14 (26) met Street, \$2,500. 25 not met 50 on the spectrum ranging from nearly met 33 (29) 14 (26) 4 (18) 3 (14) exceeded Tear-off, re-roof, garage, nearly met 58 "does not meet," "nearly meets, 7 19 (33) 19 (17) Fourth Grade met Online: www.basroofing.com Email: basroofing@live.com Redwood Avenue, \$2,000. "meets" to "exceeds" the 43 17 met 47 (31) 0 (12) 0 (16) 53 (39) exceeded not met standards. At the same time, Overlay re-roof, Franklin Serving areas of Mendocino, Lake and Sonoma Counties Willits Elementary 31 (35) 11th Grade 27 (21) nearly met let's suppose the state average Avenue, \$14,000. **Charter School** 8 (20) 55 (45) for the same test in that grade 13 (21) 21 (22) not met Office: (707) 462-4514 Mobile: (707) 367-3786 met Construct new 180 SFD. is 15/20/40/25, again ranging English/Literacy Math nearly met 33 (24) 18 (25) 8 (19) 2 (13) exceeded Willits Weekly on Haehl Creek Court, Sonoma: (707) 541-6934 from "does not meet" across Third Grade Fifth Grade 50 (33) 27 (18) met \$257.920. The Local Newspaper the board to "exceeds" the 18 (36) 14 (33) 8 (23) 0 (11) not met exceeded 50 (34) 46 (41) not met The City of Willits Building standards. 36 (26) 36 (27) nearly met 25 (21) 34 (29) Inspection Activity Report nearly met Willits High School Well Mannered In this example, the local KU 70 32 (20) 45 (26) 23 (27) 16 (15) met was released for July 2015. met school would "beat" the state English/Literacy Math 14 (18) 5 (14) Comparisons from this exceeded exceeded 2 (17) 3 (15) standard in the "nearly meets MUTTS 11th Grade month last year to July of Fourth Grade the standards" category with **Baechtel Grove Middle School** 33 (20) 67 (45) not met this year are as follows: 27 (31) not met 14 (39) a score of 25 to 20, but in the 34 (24) 17 (25) Valuation this month: English/Literacy Math nearly met Dog Training 36 (35) context of the entire results for 27 (21) nearly met NDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTION + PUPPY HEAD START + GROUP CLASSES BEHAVIOR CONSULTATION \$113,000. Same month last 28 (33) Sixth Grade 12 (18) met all four tests, doesn't beat the 23 (22) 23 (21) met year: \$484,250. Revenue 5 (23) not met 3 (11) state results, because in the 44 (28) 45 (36) exceeded exceeded 36 (19) 14 (13) 707.463.364 CELL: 707.621.DOG Sallie Palmer this month: \$2,931.65. same test, 65 percent of state 31 (29) 39 (31) nearly met Fifth Grade Same month last year: WELLMANNEREDMUTTS@GMAIL CC students met or exceeded the 22 (30) 9 (18) met WWW.WELLMANNEREDMUTTS.C \$7,365.25. Permits this 33 (34) 29 (41) not met standards, and only 35 percent 4 (13) 7 (15) exceeded month: 12. Same month last nearly met 24 (21) 48 (29) of Willits Unified students met or year: 20. Seventh Grade 33 (27) 19 (15) exceeded the standards. met 47 (31) 46 (37) not met The totals to date this 10 (17) exceeded 5 (15) So the results for "nearly Best WILLITS 33 (25) 42 (29) fiscal year: Construction nearly met meets the standards" are Willits Charter School MARI valuation: \$2,328,920. 17 (32) 10 (19) met **H**NB contextual, and in many cases, Fees collected: \$21,373.02. English/Literacy Math **POWER & HARDWARE** exceeded 2 (12) 2 (15) when the local school scores & COMPLETE DETAIL SERVICE Number of permits: 28. Sixth Grade higher in the "nearly meets the Eighth Grade Quality Service & Sales since 1999 standards" category, it does Totals to same date last 27 (28) 33 (36) not met 51 (41) not met 30 (26) not necessarily mean the local year: Construction valuation: 1000 5 Mail 51 • Willits, CA 95490 Phone: (707) 459-6420 • Fax: (707) 459-6369 36 (29) 46 (31) Store Hours: Mon.-Fri. oarn-opri Sat. 8am-5pm • Sun. 10am-4pm nearly met nearly met 39 (29) 27 (26) \$565,000. Fees collected: school has outperformed the innerec 32 (30) 17 (18) met 27 (33) 19 (17) met average for all students in the \$9,335.72. Number of yokumsbodyshop.com 57/HL @Husqvama' @CS 👹 canhantt 🔍 I Columbia 🔣 🎾 😂 🥶 5 (13) 0 (15) exceeded exceeded 5 (12) 4 (16) state in that category. permits: 36.

The rest of Council	The rest of County From	om Page 1	<b>County of</b>	The rest of <b>Testing</b>		
From Page 1	with Ordinance 4140, the	or harassed, on the basis of	Mendociño has	From Page 1		
Russell said in his	county executive officer "is	a protected status like sex		help teachers and schools		
request: "I have complied	responsible for running the	or age, the county would	opened shelter	adjust instruction to meet		
with Officer [John]	day-to-day business of the county, including oversight	be at risk for liability based		student needs."		
Sherman's request to clean the lot and have	of county staff." The role	on the individual member's conduct."	at fairgrounds for Lake	The test aggregates results		
further interest in better	of the board of supervisors		County evacuees	in four groups, based on state		
landscaping in the near	is to "develop policy and	A close look at County	County ovacated	standards. The bottom rung, "does not meet standards,"		
future. The lot is for sale,	legislation to guide the	Ordinance 4140 arrogates to the CEO the responsibility	Mendocino County Health and Human Services	means the middle or high		
but with the pending lien	work," while the "CEO and delegated staff executes	of dealing with county	Agency's Disaster Response Team continues to	school student "has not met		
it will be difficult to move forward."	the plans."	government staff.	operate the emergency evacuation shelter located at the Redwood Empire Fairgrounds located at	the achievement standards and		
	"An individual board	Part of the duties and	1055 North State Street in Ukiah to assist evacuees	needs substantial improvement		
Acknowledging Russell was not at fault for the	member does not hold	responsibilities of the	displayed from the Lake County Valley Fire.	to demonstrate the knowledge and skills in [either the English		
disrepair of the lot, the city	legislative or executive	CEO, the ordinance	The shelter is available to provide assistance and	language and literacy or basic		
council voted 3-0 to remove	powers on his or her	states, includes evaluating	will continue to have water, beds and food available	mathematics skills] needed for		
the lien in full. Mayor Bruce	own," Brown emphasized. That power "derives from	department organizations "on a continuous basis,	(as well as accommodations for animals, including large livestock and/or an area dedicated for cats	likely success in entry-level,		
Burton and Councilmember Madge Strong were both	the collective board of	subject to the limitations of	and dogs).	credit-bearing college course work after high school."		
absent.	supervisors." An individual	state law or the directives of	The donations from the community so far have	-		
In other business, the	supervisor "does not have	the board of supervisors."	been extraordinary; however, this evacuation	The next level up states the student "has nearly met the		
city council passed a	the power to make unilateral decisions or actions on	The CEO also will "appoint,	center does not accept donations due to the volume	achievement standards and may		
resolution for construction	behalf of the board."	transfer, discipline, suspend	and need to care for those displaced. Monetary	require further development to		
of the Humboldt Street	It is "very important all	or dismiss, as appropriate,	donations are needed and can be made through the Red Cross (www.RedCross.org), and is the	demonstrate the knowledge and skills in [either English language		
rehabilitation project, as the work on that road has been	board members provide	any non-elected department head who is not required to	recommended means of contributing to the disaster	arts or mathematics] needed		
completed.	the CEO with the level of	be appointed by the board of	relief effort at this time. We are not aware of the	for likely success in entry-level,		
The Recognized	deference appropriate under Ordinance 4140," Brown	supervisors," and will "meet	continued need for items such as bedding, clothing, etc. By making a charitable donation to the Red	credit-bearing college course		
Obligation Payment	wrote. Which means if, "as	on a regular basis with each	Cross, assistance can be provided to those facing	work after high school."		
Schedule (ROPS) for	a board, we want to request	department head for the	this catastrophic emergency and can help them	The third level up states the		
January through June of 2016 was passed by the	information or ensure that staff is meeting its obligations,	purpose of communicating county policy and issues."	as they rebuild their lives. Donations can also be	student has met the required standards and therefore		
council, as well as the	we must work through the	The CEO also will serve as	made through the agencies contained in the public listing at www.lovelakecounty.org which contains	"demonstrates progress toward		
administrative budget	CEO's office directly, and not	"problem-solver, coordinator,	the most up-to-date list of donation centers.	mastery of the knowledge and		
of \$50,000 for the same	try to work around the CEO	mediator and other roles as	Details regarding the fire and shelter locations	skills of [English language arts and literacy and/or mathematics]		
period.	or the department heads."	determined appropriate by	can be obtained from:	needed for likely success in		
New business licenses were granted to the	Brown did note supervisors could "always speak directly	the board of supervisors"	Lake County Office of Emergency Services:	entry-level, credit-bearing		
following businesses:	with elected department	Two items under the final	www.Facebook.com/LakeCountyOES	college course work after high		
Swamikropa 1986 Inc.,	heads," but cautioned	section of the ordinance, "Other Relationship to County	CalFire: http://cdfdata.fire.ca.gov/incidents/	school"		
owner: Trikamalal Patel,	that board members "are	Officers and Department	incidents_details_info?incident_id=1226	The highest level is "exceeds standards." Placement in this		
gas station.	usually best served by coordinating our contact with	Heads," are of interest. One	Mendocino County continues coordinating the	quartile means the student		
Rascal's Rescue, owner:	elected department heads	states "all requests for board	shelter effort with Lake County Office of Emergency Services. The Lake County OES has a pre-recorded	"demonstrates the knowledge		
Misty Gonzales, non-profit animal care fundraising.	through the CEO's office."	action by department heads	information line set up at 707-263-8274.	and skills [in either English		
•	The chairwoman stressed:	shall be through the CEO."	– submitted September 14	language arts and literacy or mathematics] needed for likely		
Sally Pringle Massage, owner: Sally Pringle,	"It is inappropriate for a member of the board to	The other says: "Except	by the Mendocino County Executive Office	success in entry-level, credit-		
massage therapy.	contact non-supervisory	for requests that a time be agendized for board	The rest of	bearing college course work		
Collicott Construction,	staff directly to inquire about	consideration and action,	Deport From Page 1	after high school."		
owner: Nat Collicott,	the nature of his or her work	nothing contained in this		A Willits Weekly comparison		
building contractor.	projects." Such contact, Brown wrote, is "problematic	chapter shall be construed	for market."	between test results from five WUSD schools and state		
Mission Linen Supply,	because, first and foremost,	as restricting the ability of county officers or department	After finishing his 16-month sentence, the DA's	averages for comparable grades		
owner: Linda Page, linen & uniform service.	the meeting distracts the staff	heads from contacting board	Office expects Flores to be turned over to the	found Willits Unified results were		
	member from his or her job	members directly."	U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for deportation to Mexico.	worse than state results about two-thirds of the time.		
The Village Sign Maker, owner: Ryan Allen, sign	duties." And, she added, staff members who are contacted	Contacted by Willits	•			
production and installation.	"will likely feel compelled	Weekly, Woodhouse	Flores' co-defendant, Refugio Perez Hernandez, will be sentenced September 18.	A review of the results shows results from Willits Elementary		
Garden Rebels Optimal	to meet with [the] member	confirmed the July 25 meeting	The two men were arrested following	Charter School and Willits		
Wholesale, owner: Shelby	of the board of supervisors who seeks the meeting,	took place with himself, Brown and Supervisor Dan	investigation by COMMET (County of Mendocino	Charter School, lumped		
Chase and Andre Maas,	even if the staff member	Gjerde present. He added he	Marijuana Eradication Team), the Sheriff's Office	together, were better than the		
garden supply sales.	is uncomfortable with the	has a great deal of respect	marijuana eradication team, the Mendocino Major	scores for the same grades from all schools in the state about 59		
The following building	subject matter or the timing	for Brown. "She's doing a	Crimes Task Force, and the California Department	percent of the time.		
and construction permits	of the meeting."	wonderful job as chair and	of Fish and Wildlife.	When the two charter		

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